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Clinton Gets Green Light From Fed On Growth

By John M. Berry WASHINGTON Post Service WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve Board officials say they will not object to a move in January by President-elect Bill Clinton to speed up the lagging U.S. economy because, with inflation low and unemployment high, they agree that more growth is needed.

The dollar fell as markets faced the idea of lower interest rates. Page 14.

ing inflation, said in interviews and recent public comments that, given the weak economic conditions in the United States and the rest of the industrial world, they would welcome having to deal with a healthier recovery.

"That is the challenge I hope we have to face," said Richard Syron, president of the Boston Federal Reserve Bank, whose district has been hardest hit economically than any other part of the country in the last four years. "That would be all to the good."

Jerry L. Jordan, chairman of the Cleveland Federal Reserve Bank, said in a speech this week that there was "some room" for Mr. Clinton "to have some new spending programs."

The Federal Reserve chairman, Alan Greenspan, has never spoken with Mr. Clinton about the economy and has not commented on the incoming president's options. But the views of Mr. Syron and Mr. Jordan are representative of those of a number of Fed policymakers.

While the Fed officials tacitly accept the idea of a short-term economic boost, they also caution that such moves need to be accompanied by a credible commitment to reduce the federal budget deficit in the years ahead.

Change, Yes, But He Won't Be Hurried

By Thomas L. Friedman Little Rock, Arkansas — The most striking thing about Bill Clinton since the election has been the intriguing contrast between Bill Clinton the candidate and Bill Clinton the president-elect.

The Bill Clinton whom the public saw during the campaign was decisive, vigorous and remarkably open, a candidate who spent up to 18 hours a day talking up his ideas in public. But President-elect Clinton has been a virtual recluse. He has been conspicuously deliberate in making decisions and as obsessed with holding information close to the vest as any president.

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Ulla Monberg, a deacon at St. James's Church in London, celebrating the Church of England's decision Wednesday to allow women to become priests.

Church of England Votes to Ordain Women

By William E. Schmidt New York Times Service LONDON — After a bitter and exhausting debate that divided clergy and laity alike, the Church of England voted narrowly Wednesday to ordain women.

en, including the United States, the proposition had paralyzed the mother church in Britain. For many, it underscored growing concern about the future relevance of a state church that serves a society that is already among the most secular in Europe.

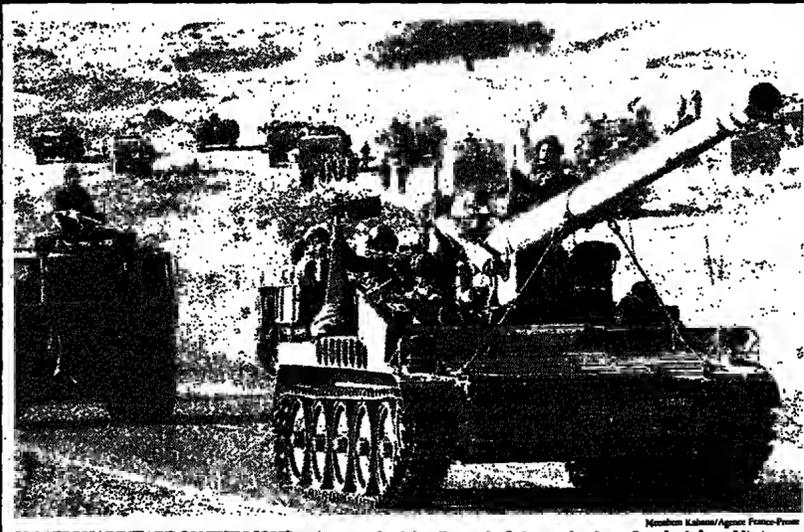
Not since King Henry VIII split off the church from the Vatican in 1534 has a debate left such deep fissures among the ranks of both clergy and laymen, with persons on both sides threatening to abandon the church if they disagreed with the outcome.

Hong Kong on Collision Course With Beijing

By Laurence Zuckerman International Herald Tribune HONG KONG — Legislators added momentum Wednesday to this colony's slide toward collision with its future rulers in Beijing when a majority of the Legislative Council endorsed Governor Chris Patten's controversial proposals to increase democracy.

Since Mr. Patten announced his plan last month, Beijing has accused him of violating bilateral agreements between Britain and China calling for the final British administration in Hong Kong to match the one specified in the Basic Law. China has threatened to replace the colony's entire government, including the judiciary, in 1997, if the governor persists with his plan.

Mr. Patten has denied the existence of any such agreements and asserted that his proposals did not



ISRAELI HARDWARE ON THE MOVE — An armored unit heading to the Lebanese border as Israel reinforced its troops in the area. Israeli aircraft attacked a Hezbollah meeting place and operations base Wednesday in southern Lebanon. In Ottawa, Israel quit a conference on Middle East refugees because of objections to the head of the Palestinian delegation. Page 7.

Market data table including Dow Jones (14,86), Trib Index (89.55), and various currency exchange rates.

GATT Leaders Expect a Deal Within Weeks

Quick Solution Is Predicted By Dunkel and MacSharry

By Roger Cohen New York Times Service GENEVA — After a series of disappointments, including two occasions this year on which he was told a deal was done only to find it was not, Arthur J. Dunkel, the man overseeing crucial world trade talks, said Wednesday that he believed an accord could now be reached within the next month.

In Brussels, meanwhile, Ray MacSharry, the EC farm commissioner, said Wednesday he was "optimistic" that a deal could be reached next week, when talks resume. He spoke after an all-day meeting with other EC commissioners.

The collapse last week of the talks led Washington to announce that the United States would impose 200 percent retaliatory sanctions on \$300 million worth of European imports, largely French wines. France, in turn, had pressed for European countries to draw up a list of American goods for retaliatory tariffs.

New Islamic Bastion Armed Militant Groups Make Gains Across Horn of Africa

By Jennifer Parmelee Washington Post Service SHIIKH, Somalia — Groups of well-armed Islamic fundamentalists, funded generously from abroad, are expanding across Somali-populated areas of the Horn of Africa in an apparent bid to establish a stronghold for militant Islam in the region, according to Somali and foreign observers.

Japan's Media Chafes at Curbs on Royal Matchmaking Story

By T.R. Reid Washington Post Service TOKYO — On one side of the broad green moat surrounding the Imperial Palace dwells a 32-year-old crown prince who is eagerly searching for a bride. On the other is a free-swinging press corps that would love to report every detail of a royal romance.

A spokesman for the press association said that some members of the group were arguing vehemently that nine months was long enough to keep hands off an obvious national story. Meanwhile, an association of small publishers issued a formal demand Tuesday that the voluntary news blackout be ended.

The innate respect for authority here and the pervasive need to do what everybody else does have muzzled the press corps as effectively as any law. In a consensus-minded society where every schoolchild learns the basic lesson that "the nail that sticks out gets hammered down," the desire to fit in has kept news from filtering out.

Before the story was made off-limits last February, the daily sports newspapers, the weekly gossip magazines, and the celebrity-crazed morning television shows here rarely let a day go by without some reports on the prince and his frustrating search for a royal bride.

Table showing Dow Jones and Trib Index values, and a list of names like 'The Dollar' and 'General News' with corresponding figures.

VOTE '92 / QUEST TO REDEFINE

★ TRANSITION NOTES ★

First, It's Ethics Rule, Then the New Cabinet

LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas — President-elect Bill Clinton plans to issue ethics guidelines soon for top officials of his administration that would significantly tighten restrictions on lobbying activities after they leave government.

By issuing guidelines before appointments are announced, advisers said, Mr. Clinton hopes to signal a sharp break from business as usual and a commitment to high standards of official behavior.

George Stephanopoulos, a spokesman for the transition team, said in an interview that the ethics guidelines would reflect pledges made by Mr. Clinton during the campaign to ban former top officials from lobbying their old agencies for five years after leaving government, and to impose a lifetime ban on lobbying for foreign governments.

Mr. Clinton plans to impose those guidelines in an executive order immediately after taking office Jan. 20, but decided to make them public before his first cabinet appointment as a cardinal principle for accepting a post, Mr. Stephanopoulos said. "We want people to know them before they get set in their ways," he said. (WP)

For the Power Jobs, Many Try Resume Route

LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas — So you're looking for a job in the Clinton administration? You're not the only one. Last week there were at least 3,000 resumes at the Clinton-Gore transition office. The flow is now becoming a deluge, transition officials say.

Prior work in the campaign, membership in the Democratic Party and friendship with the president-elect, his wife, Hillary, or other high officials are not absolutely necessary for getting a job, transition officials say with relatively straight faces.

Administration jobs will be "open to Democrats, Republicans or independents," one official said.

Is it essential to know who recommended the applicant, maybe a key Democratic mayor or governor?

That would be "helpful," the official said, and it would be "noted, but it would not be critical."

All that is needed is a letter and resume. Transition officials say they are confident they will be able to handle the massive numbers of applications expected in part because of a computerized tracking system they have developed. (WP)



President George Bush yielding to an emotional moment at a Republican dinner given in his honor.

A Shaken Party Seeks Answers

After Loss, Some Republicans Put the Blame on Ideology

By Robin Toner
New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — There is something theological to the process now beginning in the Republican Party, as all the factions begin considering the question that will drive dozens of conferences and political fights in the months ahead: What are the doctrinal foundations of Republicanism beyond George Bush and Ronald Reagan?

Any Republican who watched the defection of working women, suburbanites, young people, moderates, Reagan Democrats and independents in the election last week felt something more than simple queasiness.

The quest to redefine the Republican Party will play out in a variety of ways: It will be the subject for the election in January of the next chairman of the Republican National Committee. It will be brewing when the Republican governors meet in Wisconsin this weekend, and it will be the backdrop for all the early maneuvering for 1996.

The debate begins with the question of why President Bush lost. Was it simply the result of a bad economy and a lackluster campaign (the minimalist explanation), or because Republicanism itself has fallen out of sync with the times? Was it because he broke with conservative dogma, or because he was co-opted by it?

Some conservatives contend that Bill Clinton's victory was, in many ways, testimony to the enduring strength of conservatism. He won, they assert, as the candidate of welfare reform, economic growth, a break with the old "tax-and-spend" image of his party's past and an appeal to traditional values like hard work and personal responsibility. Mr. Reagan was similarly accused by the Democrats of appropriating their populism in the 1980s.

At the same time, these conservatives say, Mr. Bush muted his ideology by, most devastatingly, breaking his pledge of "no new taxes" with the budget agreement of 1990. They assert that was both bad politics and bad policy.

Losing its advantage as the party of lower taxes and economic growth was simply more than the Republicans could take, they say, particularly when its strength on foreign policy was less important to an electorate focused on domestic needs.

But there are many in the party who contend that the problems go deeper. The social agenda of the religious right, these analysts assert, has simply gained too much prominence in the party, particularly on abortion.

The "family values" appeal simply became too rough, too exclusionary, too out of step with the middle-of-the-road suburban voters who were an important part of the Reagan coalition, they argue.

"The ultimate betrayal of George Bush by the right-wing extremists is that they now blame him for his defeat because he wasn't conservative enough," said Peter Smith, the former congressman from Vermont who heads the Ripon Society, a group of moderate Republicans. "Whereas in fact, the record shows the country finally got a look at them in the Republican convention and the country turned its back on them."

But the Christian Coalition and other groups on the religious right assert that abortion and other social issues were not the source of Mr. Bush's defeat.

"The pro-life plank of the Republican Party platform was identical to the platform Ronald Reagan ran on in 1984 and George Bush ran on in 1988," said Ralph Reed, executive director of the Christian Coalition. "What did change was that in '84 and '88 we had a robust economy that was producing jobs and in '92 we did not."

But many Republicans are carefully watching the religious right's activities at the grass roots. Governor William F. Weld of Massachusetts, a supporter of abortion rights who is often mentioned as a potential presidential contender in 1996, spoke of these efforts last week.

"I think there is the likelihood the fundamentalist movement is so well organized that it can capture the machinery of the party," Mr. Weld said. "I'm going to do what I can to make sure that's not the only machinery represented at the '96 convention."

The President Thanks the Veterans

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President George Bush and Mrs. Bush paid a surprise midnight visit to the Vietnam Memorial and read aloud some of the names inscribed on its walls. The president described the experience as "extraordinarily moving."

"I had a chance to thank about 200 veterans there," Mr. Bush said as he left later for a five-day fishing trip to Florida. "I read some of the names, those names that appear on the wall, and inasmuch as it's Veterans Day I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank all veterans for their service to this country."

Marlin Fitzwater, the White House press secretary, said Mr. Bush called him about 11:30 P.M. Tuesday and said he and Mrs. Bush were going to the memorial, about a mile from the White House. "and I'm not taking anyone with us."

Mr. Bush described the visit as low-key and said it was at the stroke of midnight.

The Vietnam Memorial is 10 years old this week and, in commemoration, volunteers have taken turns over the past few days reading all 58,183 names of men and women killed and missing in Vietnam. John Wheeler, one of the organizers of the memorial, said Mr. Bush talked quietly with some of the 30 or so people who were participating in the name reading.

It is rare for a president to venture out of the White House unaccompanied by a large retinue of aides and representatives of the news media. Presumably there were a few Secret Service agents with him.

The president said he wanted to suggest to people who have not had the opportunity to see the memorial to make a visit and talk to the veterans who take turns keeping a vigil there.

"It was a very moving tribute," he said, apparently referring to the reading of names. "I've been there several times before, but it was extraordinarily moving for Barbara and me. I just wanted to thank the veterans for their service to this great country of ours."

Outsider or Insider, Clinton Is Sure to Suffer

WASHINGTON — Moving out of woody Arkansas would seem to guarantee relief to tender sinuses, but none is in store for Mr. Clinton, the nation's top-ranked allergy sufferer.

When he sets up shop in Washington, a city nestled in a teeming, semi-tropical swamp, Mr. Clinton will get a face-full of everything he's used to at home and then some, allergists say.

There's dust, pollen and enough exotic molds to stock a biology lab. The new president can continue to take his anti-histamine, Hismanol, to stave off symptoms and get shots to reduce irritation, but as for his chronic hoarseness, there's only one hope and it's the longest of long shots — prolonged silence. (LAT)

Quote-Unquote

President George Bush on the future of the Republican Party: "The idea that this party has seen its demise — and I love these little analysts, these media that I tried to annoy and failed — to hear them analyze it all, you'd think that this party is out of here. I don't believe it for one single minute." (AP)

Democrats Promise A House United

By Adam Clymer
New York Times Service

ATLANTA — House Democratic leaders say they are sure the freshmen in their party would join them in working with the Clinton administration on jobs, health care and deficit reduction.

The House speaker, Thomas S. Foley of Washington, said, "All of us saw very strong support for the principal objectives of the Clinton campaign and the Clinton administration." Mr. Foley made his comments Tuesday after a third meeting with the newcomers in Atlanta, following sessions in Los Angeles and Chicago.

He said he had found little interest in procedural issues like term limits or House rules. There was "more unanimity on that than I expected," he said.

Cynthia McKinney, a newcomer from Georgia, offered similar optimism after the meeting.

"We have a unique opportunity to be a part of the reshaping of our national priorities and our national values," she said, "hand-in-hand and arm-in-arm with the Democratic leadership and with President Clinton."

The 18 freshmen who met in Atlanta with party leaders defined themselves as agents of change because of their support for those goals, which they said had been ignored by Republican administrations, although there were occasional voices, including Tom Barlow of Kentucky and Sanford Bishop of Georgia, urging greater attention to the goal of a balanced budget.

As their colleagues in the earlier meetings, the lawmakers-to-be in Atlanta insisted they were interested in accomplishments, not fame.

"I'm a tugboat, not a showboat," said Corinne Brown of Florida. "I'm here to work and get it on."

Although the 63 Democratic freshmen in the House will amount to the biggest group of newcomers in many years and almost one-fourth of the 258 Democrats in the House, the newcomers showed little enthusiasm displayed at these meetings for making themselves a distinct entity.

That idea came up in Chicago on Monday when Louis Guterrez of Chicago urged his newly elected colleagues to convene a meeting soon where they could assess the leadership and its policy plans.

But other freshmen at the meeting, including Bobby Rush of Chicago, ridiculed his idea, telling him that legislative success was their only real interest. Later, Mr. Rush said, "We don't anticipate organizing a separate agenda."

Bobby Scott of Virginia was blunt about the subject on Tuesday in Atlanta, saying: "I think people are not interested in who the leader is. They want to know when we're going to get some health care and jobs."

Before meeting with 18 newcomers Tuesday, the Democratic leaders said that they thought more senior Democrats would show the same spirit of cooperation with the incoming administration.

Representative John R. Lewis of Georgia, a chief deputy whip, said, "The rank and file are convinced that Bill Clinton is the leader of our party and we must produce."

Mr. Foley said, "I can't quite recall — except the enthusiasm of the early Johnson and Kennedy years — anything that matches the sense that this group and the Congress now has."

And Representative Richard A. Gephardt of Missouri said of the Congress: "It is not set up to lead. It is set up to follow. What we're hearing from our members is let's get it done."

Mr. Gephardt even offered the hope that support for Mr. Clinton could be found among the 47 Republican freshmen. "Bill Clinton is a moderate Democrat," he said. "He will offer proposals that may well attract the support of some moderate Republicans."

Away From Politics

- A steam pipe at a Consolidated Edison generating station on the East Side of Manhattan ruptured, killing one person and seriously injuring at least eight others. Rescue workers had to contend with temperatures as high as 500 degrees Fahrenheit (260 degrees Celsius).
- About half of the angiograms performed to detect blocked heart arteries are unnecessary, according to a study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association. It said that in many cases the X-ray procedure, which can cost up to \$5,000, could be skipped or postponed with little added danger to patients.
- The prosecution rested its case in the second Iran-contra trial of Clair E. George, a former CIA official who is accused of concealing information from Congress about the scandal. The first trial ended with a hung jury in August.
- Toyota Motor Sales USA pledged to spend \$3 million on a training program to teach automobile repair to residents of riot-scarred areas of Los Angeles. The company said it would open the center by spring and operate it in conjunction with the Los Angeles Urban League. It hopes to train 100 students annually.
- More than 700 businesses in Hawaii were damaged by Hurricane Iniki in September. Dun and Bradstreet Information Services said.
- A mild earthquake rattled Southern California's Yucca Valley, but no casualties or damage were reported. Seismologists classified the event as an aftershock to large earthquakes that struck on June 28.
- Richard Trumka won a third consecutive five-year term as president of the United Mine Workers union.
- Governor William F. Weld of Massachusetts introduced legislation to give state officials vast new powers to track down parents who owe child-support payments and to punish those who refuse to pay. Advocates said the proposed laws, which include the power to revoke professional licenses and driver's licenses, would be the toughest in the nation. (NYT, AP, UPI)

Dole's Call to Fire Prosecutor Is Rejected

By Walter Pincus
Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — The independent counsel Lawrence E. Walsh has sharply rejected a suggestion from the Senate Republican leader, Bob Dole of Kansas, that he dismiss the prosecutor recently hired to handle the Iran-contra case against former Defense Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger.

Mr. Walsh rejected a charge that Mr. Dole had leveled earlier this week that the credibility of the prosecutor — a San Francisco trial attorney, James Brosnahan — had been compromised because he contributed \$500 to President-elect Bill Clinton during the primaries.

In a letter to Mr. Dole, Mr. Walsh, a Republican, said that he had "assumed" Mr. Brosnahan "was a Democrat" upon hiring but that "no one has been questioned as to his political preference in connection with his employment."

"It also does not surprise me that he made a \$500 contribution to a candidate in his party's primary any more than the fact that before I assumed [this office] I also made contributions to candidates in my party," said Mr. Walsh, who noted that Mr. Brosnahan's contribution had taken place before he joined the independent counsel's staff.

While saying he respected Mr. Dole, Mr. Walsh added: "I can recall no case where a Senate leader has so directly intruded himself in a pending lawsuit."

Mr. Walsh's costly six-year investigation of Iran-contra has come under increasing criticism from congressional Republicans.

He also denied Mr. Dole's charge that his office had given the Clinton-Gore campaign advance notice that a new indictment against Mr. Weinberger would be filed Oct. 30, four days before the election.

The revised indictment quoted a note written by Mr. Weinberger that contradicted President George Bush's statements about his own knowledge of the arms-for-hostages dealings with Iran in the mid-1980s.

Mr. Dole has called for an investigation into any links between Mr. Walsh's office and the presidential campaign.

The prosecutor said the only persons with advance notice of the indictment's contents were "intelligence agencies of the administration whose representatives reviewed it for classified information 24 hours before it was returned."

Mr. Walsh defended the timing of the Weinberger indictment, saying the filing deadline "was known publicly for nearly a month and before Brosnahan was employed."

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Sarajevo Evacuations Again Stop, Leaving 400,000 in Desperation

By John F. Burns

New York Times Service

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — The first attempt in months to evacuate large numbers of people from Sarajevo collapsed in chaos Wednesday, which makes it more likely than ever that the 400,000 residents of this besieged city will have to find ways of surviving here through the winter.

After two days waiting in the chilly weather for a bus convoy that never departed, nearly 1,000 embittered Serbs tramped home with their bags after dusk. Among them were pensioners in their 80s, men and women suffering from cancer and other diseases, pregnant women and mothers with small children, and dozens of people with disabling injuries sustained in the seven-month siege, including several who lost limbs in mortar and artillery explosions.

The reason given by the Bosnian Red Cross for abandoning the evacuation was the shooting attack Wednesday on the driver of a van that had carried about 20 Serbs out of Sarajevo into territory controlled by the Serbian forces besieging the city.

The driver, a Serb, was only slightly wounded when unidentified assailants opened fire on the van as it crossed the runway at Sarajevo airport after delivering the Serbs to a Serbian military barracks.

But behind the collapse of the evacuation lay a tangled web of politics and diplomacy. In effect, all the major players in the Sarajevo siege — the Serbian forces, the Bosnian government and army, and the United Nations military headquarters — have created obstacles to free movement out of the city. Each had a role in the events that led to the debacle

Wednesday, which ended with hundreds of people walking off into the foggy darkness.

"This whole thing has been a farce, an outrageous deceit," said an 86-year-old man who asked that he be identified only by his first name, Jovan.

■ Hope Remains for the Cease-Fire

Despite continued tension, UN officials expressed hope that commanders of the Bosnian factions were committed to the cease-fire, which was to take effect at midnight, news agencies reported.

The agreement was signed Tuesday by Serbian, Muslim and Croatian commanders.

"This is the first time I know of in Bosnia-Herzegovina when we have had the three groups sitting together and signing a cease-fire," said a UN spokesman, Adnan Abdrazak. Previous cease-fires have been accorded to by letter or verbal pledge, but not by signature of all three military commanders.

New problems were brewing elsewhere. A shoot-out outside Pristina army headquarters Wednesday fueled fears that ethnic war was inching closer to southern parts of former Yugoslavia.

The army said one civilian died and two soldiers were wounded during a gun and knife attack on soldiers guarding the headquarters in the Kosovo capital.

Documents identified the dead man as a member of Kosovo's ethnic Albanian community, which is waging a campaign of civil disobedience against Serbian authorities.

Foreign diplomats have warned that Kosovo could be the next area to erupt.



A Serb in Bosnia, whose relatives fled his village Wednesday after Croats and Muslims overran it.

Serbs Bring Home Their Campaign Against Muslims

By Blaine Harden

Washington Post Service

PRIBOJ, Yugoslavia — In a mountainous region of Serbia called Sandzak, where about 60 percent of the residents are Slavic Muslims and the rest are Orthodox Serbs, a dismal prelude to ethnic apartheid is beginning.

In Priboj, hate letters are circulating among Serbs. The White Eagles, a well-armed Serbian ultranationalist organization, is terrorizing Muslim civilians in nearby villages, forcing them to flee their homes and abandon their belongings.

"Serbs, you must leave Muslim cafes because they are preparing cocktails that will make you sterile," reads one of the hate letters. "Each Muslim has been assigned his own Serb to liquidate."

Like the early symptoms of a disfiguring disease, the omens that preceded savage campaigns of "ethnic cleansing" by Serbs in Croatia and then Bosnia are cropping up in Serbia, where about one-third of the 9.6 million people are not Serbs.

Tore Bogh, a Norwegian who heads a mission by the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe to monitor minorities in Serbia, said: "Everyone realizes that the Sandzak is very flammable. Unless someone can put a stop to the private armies, the situation will probably become worse before it becomes better. This is basic."

The security group has set up offices in Serbia's three potentially explosive minority regions. The minorities and the regions are Muslims in Sandzak, ethnic Hungarians in Vojvodina and ethnic Albanians in Kosovo.

But it is the outlook for Sandzak, a region of Serbia that is between Bosnia and Kosovo, that the group sees as most perilous.

Sandzak has been infected by the war in Bosnia. The Muslims there, fearing the kind of savage ethnic attacks that have killed thousands of Muslims in Bosnia and left more than a million homeless, are abandoning the region in droves. Between 60,000 and 80,000 Muslims have fled to Western Europe and Turkey, according to unconfirmed estimates of Muslim political leaders in Sandzak. Mr. Bogh said 25,000 Sandzak Muslims had fled to Scandinavia alone this year.

Sandzak is regarded by Mr. Bogh's group as a slow fuse through which ethnic violence could be transmitted from Bosnia into Kosovo, where nearly 2 million ethnic Albanians, who are also Muslims, are governed by a hard-line Serbian government.

Kosovo's potential for catastrophic conflict has worried Western governments for years. Violence in Kosovo would risk drawing in Albania, setting off a wider war in the Balkans.

So far, the moderate ethnic Albanian leadership in Kosovo has managed to head off grass-roots demands for armed resistance to Serbia. In Sandzak, however, the Muslim leadership has been far less willing to turn the other cheek to what it regards as Serbian bullying.

The leader of the main Muslim party, Suljiman Ugljanin, has made headlines in Belgrade newspapers with vaguely detailed threats about Turkey defending the

Sandzak Muslims from Serbs. He also has set unenforceable deadlines for Belgrade authorities to withdraw Serbian police and soldiers from the region.

But his deputy, Rasim Ljajic, acknowledged that these threats and deadlines are, by and large, empty. "We don't have many alternatives in our politics," said Mr. Ljajic. "One possibility is all-out war, which we don't want. War on this territory means the death of Muslim people."

"The only thing we can do is appeal to the international community," he added.

Many Muslims in the region appear to have long ago given up hope that Serbian law enforcement can protect them from harassment by armed Serbs who preach ethnic hate and demand ethnic separation.

In the most serious recent incident, paramilitary fighters wearing

'We don't have many alternatives in our politics. War on this territory means the death of Muslim people.'

Rasim Ljajic, a Muslim leader

black masks kidnapped 17 Muslims from a bus near Priboj on Oct. 22. The Muslims have not been seen since, and federal authorities suspect that they were murdered. Two leaders of the White Eagles were arrested in connection with the kidnappings, but for lack of evidence they have been released without charge.

Since the kidnapping, Serbia has sent special police units to Sandzak to protect Muslims as well as Serbs. But Muslims say the police units verify rather than reassure them.

Brandishing automatic weapons, the police are posted on nearly every street in the Muslim quarter of Priboj. They are not visible in Serbian neighborhoods.

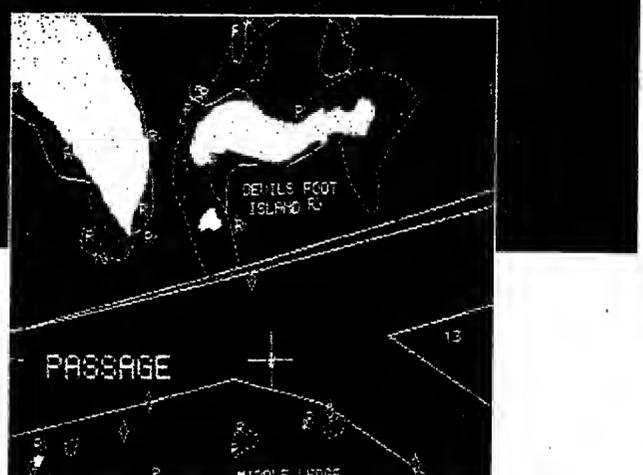
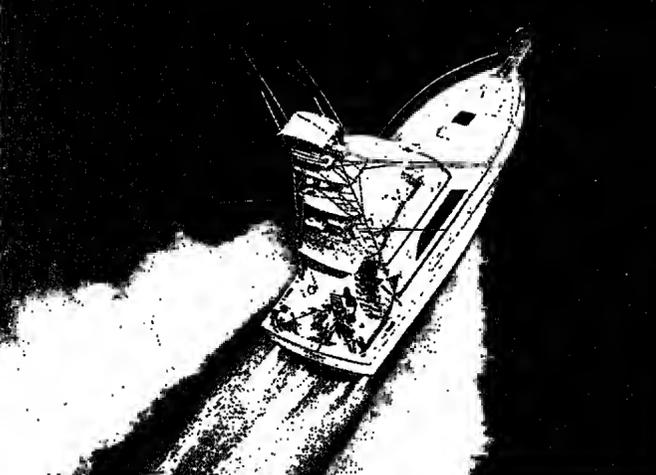
Muslims fear the special police largely because they are not arresting Serbian paramilitary units in Sandzak or preventing them from harassing Muslims, said Mehmet Memic, a Muslim who is deputy minister for minorities and human rights in the Yugoslav government.

These units are commanded by President Slobodan Milosevic, the nationalist Serb hard-liner. Mr. Memic said the units "tolerate the ways of the White Eagles, who should be arrested."

Mr. Memic, a lawyer, was appointed to his federal position in September as part of a broad effort by Prime Minister Milan Panic to improve the status of minorities in Yugoslavia, which now comprises only Serbia and Montenegro.

That effort has locked Mr. Panic, a naturalized American who is championing Western-style democratic change in Serbia, in a power struggle with Mr. Milosevic and his nationalist supporters.

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ISLAM: Militants Make Gains Across Horn of Africa

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threat to the whole Horn of Africa.

In February, a Unicef doctor was assassinated in Boosaaso, on the Gulf of Aden, where Mr. Azhari's group makes its headquarters. Western diplomats and the Democratic Front blamed Itihad for the attack, which was widely interpreted as a warning against establishment of a Western presence in Somalia. It had been preceded by anti-UN statements during Friday prayers at local mosques.

In June, more than 1,000 armed followers of Itihad swept into Boosaaso, rounded up about 40 members of the Democratic Front's leadership and declared an Islamic republic. Democratic Front militias were mobilized, and as many as 200 militiamen and 500 Itihad fighters were killed and hundreds wounded in the battle that ensued.

Itihad forces in Laasqoray have swelled to around 2,000 men and seem to be gearing up for another attack on Boosaaso, the northeast's key port, according to the Democratic Front. Western diplomats and other sources from the area. Itihad camps offering military and religious training to thousands of

young men also have been set up outside the northern towns of Burao, Boorama and Laascaanood, according to officials and relief workers.

In the Ethiopian region of the Ogaden, meanwhile, Itihad reportedly has stepped up military activities, frequently cutting off roads to such key towns as Gode, attacking relief food convoys and engaging government troops.

Repeated attempts to contact Itihad representatives in the region were unsuccessful. But according to Somali elders who know them, Itihad leaders have said the group has armed itself in self-defense in a chaotic country full of armed groups.

The source of Itihad's funding cannot be independently determined. While some sources say wealthy, conservative Somalis living abroad support the group, many Somali sources, as well as Western intelligence sources, said they suspected considerable financial and military backing was coming from hard-line Islamic groups in Saudi Arabia, Iran, Pakistan, Sudan and other countries. Western diplomats said arms shipments for Somalia have been spotted leaving the Saudi port of Jizan on the Red Sea.

Itihad's military activities, in the absence of any effective government structure to combat them, have sent a chill through the Somali community. But fundamentalism is a sensitive subject, since Somalis generally consider themselves good, if moderate, Muslims and appear reluctant to criticize anyone espousing Islam.

A common Muslim heritage unified the different subclans in the Somali National Movement, a northern alliance that fought in the civil war that toppled Mr. Siad Barre. The northern Muslims considered the campaign a jihad against Mr. Siad Barre's secular, authoritarian regime. Somalis' historical commercial and cultural ties with the Arab countries of the Gulf region also are rooted in a shared faith.

So some Somalis, even as they voice concern over Itihad-inspired violence, express sympathy for the group's religious aims. Abdulrahman Ahmed Ali, president of the self-proclaimed Somaliland republic, expressed the view that socialism, Arab nationalism and Western culture all have failed to address his region's needs, thereby opening the door to a resurgence of Islamic values.



Armed Forces of Liberia troops heading for the front a short distance outside Monrovia, the capital.

U.S. Ready to Seek UN Role in Liberia

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

MONROVIA, Liberia — The United States has added its weight to calls for United Nations peacekeepers to replace the Nigerian-dominated force that was sent to Liberia in an unsuccessful effort to halt the country's civil war.

"The feeling right now is we support the West Africans, but unfortunately Ecomog is no longer a neutral party," said the assistant secretary of state for Africa, Herman Cohen, on BBC radio.

Ecomog is the Economic Community of West African States, whose monitoring group is known as Ecomog.

In fighting Wednesday, Nigerian planes swooped through the suburbs of Monrovia to hit rebel targets after a regional cease-fire failed to hold.

In an apparent reversal of U.S. policy on Liberia, which was founded by freed American slaves, Mr. Cohen said Ecomog "came in there as a neutral party, hoping to bring about mediation, but they are now one of the combatants."

Mr. Cohen added that the next step, now under discussion in Washington, "will be United Nations intervention to provide a neutral party to try and bring about a political solution."

The National Patriotic Front of Liberia, which held most of Liberia until the rival United Liberation Movement seized two western provinces in August, has been seeking to cut off the capital by shelling.

The rebels said in a broadcast statement on Tuesday, "The current hostilities are the direct result of the failure of Ecomog to remain

neutral in the Liberian civil crisis."

The 10,000-strong Ecomog force has in practice become allied with the United Liberation Movement and with the troops of Liberia's former regular army against the Patriotic Front, led by Charles Taylor.

The rebel radio said the Patriotic Front wanted a "UN monitoring group and other neutral African forces to monitor the cease-fire and supervise free and fair democratic elections in Liberia."

Mr. Cohen said Washington would back an initiative by President Abdou Diouf of Senegal, chairman of the Organization of African Unity, to have the Security Council name a special envoy for Liberia.

Senegal is one of the seven nations with troops in Liberia, but Mr. Diouf has signaled a desire to withdraw them partly because of the kidnapping and the subsequent killing of six Senegalese soldiers by guerrillas of the Patriotic Front last June.

On Tuesday, Brigadier Samuel Victor Moin, Ecomog chief of staff, said the Patriotic front had violated its own cease-fire, proclaimed 12 hours before the one ordered by the West African leaders was due to start. The cease-fire ordered by the regional leaders was supposed to have run parallel with the disarming and assembly of Liberia's warring factions.

Mr. Taylor vowed to retaliate if Ecomog forces tried to enforce a blockade on his territory as part of regional sanctions. He also threatened to shell any ship entering Monrovia's port. (Reuters, AFP)

Objecting to Palestinian, Israel Walks Out of Refugee Talks

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

OTTAWA — Israel walked out of talks on Middle East refugees Wednesday, saying that the Palestinians had violated an agreement on the makeup of their delegation.

Shlomo Ben Ami, the leader of the Israeli delegation, said Israel had agreed to come to Ottawa on the basis that the Palestinian delegation would not include members of the Palestine National Council, which functions as the Palestinians' parliament in exile.

"We are very, very sorry to discover that the Palestinian delegation did not abide by this understanding," Mr. Ben Ami said. "Therefore, we are not taking part in this meeting." There was no immediate comment from the Palestinian delegation.

The Israelis objected to the presence of Mohammed Hallaj, the director of the Washington-based Center for Policy Analysis on Palestine. He is the leader of the Palestinian delegation in Ottawa and a member of the Palestine National Council.

Mr. Ben Ami said the council was "directly related, controlled and monitored" by the Palestine Liberation Organization, which Israel considers a terrorist group.

The talks were headed for trouble because of a Palestinian plan to insist on discussing a demand that Palestinians worldwide be allowed to return to homes lost after Israel was founded in 1948.

In Washington, parallel peace talks were on hold until Thursday. Arab delegations suspended the talks for one day Wednesday.

Elsewhere, Israeli military aircraft attacked a base of the Hezbollah guerrilla organization in southern Lebanon on Wednesday, an Israeli Army spokesman said in Jerusalem. Military sources said the target was a building used as a meeting place and a base for operations by the pro-Iranian group.

In the occupied territories, Israeli troops killed four Palestinians and wounded 21 in clashes, Israeli radio reported. One soldier was seriously wounded in a Palestinian ambush. (AP, Reuters)

MUZZLE: Silence of the Media

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here in 1990 to shoot a commercial and was invited to the palace for a royal cup of tea. Shields brushed off the media swarm in classic fashion: "We're just good friends."

For the prince's Japanese "friends," however, the suffocation coverage made young women reluctant to get anywhere near his highness, and evidently made courting impossible.

In mid-1991, accordingly, the Imperial Household Agency, the hyperserious bureaucracy that supervises the royal family, asked the

press to refrain from reporting any news relating to the candidates for crown prince.

To respect the prince's privacy and improve his chances for romance, the newspaper, magazine, and broadcast news organizations all agreed to the embargo. Originally set for three months, it has been extended ever since.

Reporters covering the royal family say Naruhito is evidently no closer to matrimony than he was when the embargo took effect in February. But if something happens, the reporters want to report it.

COLONY: Raising the Stakes

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violate the Basic Law. During the debate, supporters of the governor's plan charged that China's concerns about the Basic Law merely masked its opposition to democracy, and urged the council not to be swayed by an intensifying campaign of intimidation.

"We must not be frightened by China nor accept bullying by Chinese officials," said Jimmy McGregor, one of the winning motion's two authors. "We have a strong case for further reforms and we must answer to our consciences and ultimately to the Hong Kong people."

Opponents stressed the importance of cooperating with the colony's future sovereign power.

"Communication, not confrontation is needed now," said Selina Chow, a member of the council's conservative, pro-business faction. "Convergence, not collision, must remain the goal."

The debate was along the lines of one sparked earlier this week after a prominent business group called on Mr. Patten to back down. But Mr. McGregor, who is the business community's representative in the council, said there was "no doubt whatsoever that the people of Hong Kong support the governor."

The vote comes at a time when optimism has been growing in the colony that Britain and China may be nearing an accommodation.

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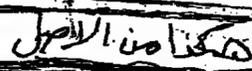
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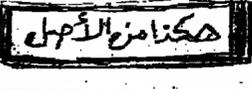
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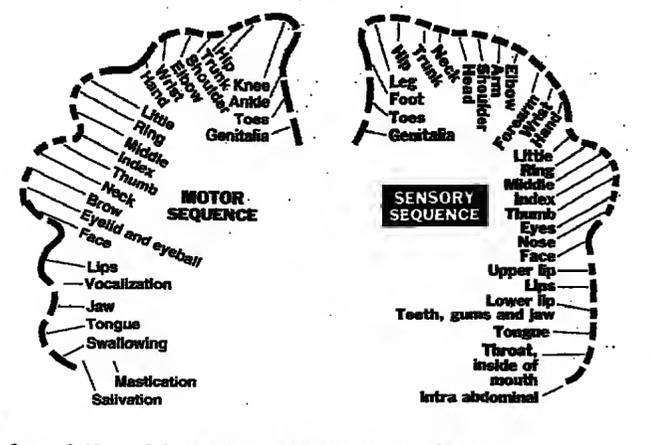
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The Brain's Very Long Good-bye: Tingling in Missing Limbs Is a Clue to Adjustment

NEW YORK — One month after losing his left arm in a car accident, Victor Quintero sat with his eyes closed in a brain-research laboratory as a scientist poked his cheek with a cotton swab.

Such rapid dynamic change is a property of healthy adult brains as well as injured ones, said Dr. Charles Gilbert, a neuroscientist at Rockefeller University in New York.

Cells in the visual cortex undergo extensive reorganization as people take in each new view of the world by moving their eyes from scene to scene, he said.

Cartilage: To Mend or Replace?

By Elisabeth Rosenthal, New York Times Service

NEW YORK — In desperation, Rebekah Howell recently took the extreme step of having a piece of cartilage from a cadaver transplanted into her knee.

plants, said concern about the long-term effects of cartilage removal had "led to a much bigger emphasis on repair and learning how and when this cartilage can heal."

ended or limited by pain as a result of cartilage injuries in the knees.

IN BRIEF

French Genetics Scientists Donate Findings to Unesco

PARIS (HT) — In an action that raises a major ethical issue, a French team researching the human genetic code has donated its findings to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization for the benefit of world science.

Link Between Alzheimer's And Aluminum Questioned

NEW YORK (NYT) — Using a new, highly sensitive technique, British researchers have failed to find any trace of aluminum in the hard, star-shaped plaques that dot the brains of people with Alzheimer's disease.

Growth in Bone Mass May Continue Until Age 30

CHICAGO (AP) — A little more calcium and exercise can help women build strong bones until age 30 and perhaps stave off osteoporosis in later years, a new study suggests.

Remains of Early American Indians Indicate a Tribe of Hunters

CINCINNATI (AP) — A woman whose remains are believed to be at least 11,600 years old — the oldest ever found in the Americas — probably lived in a culture of hunters who processed meat, according to a geologist who examined the bones.

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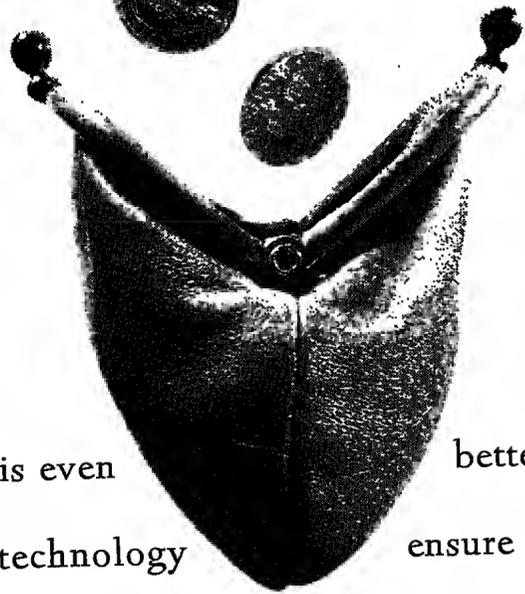
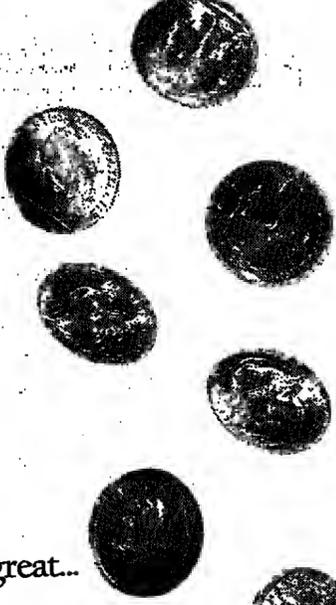
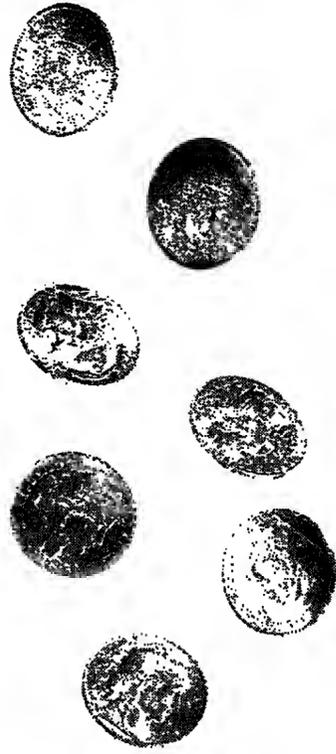
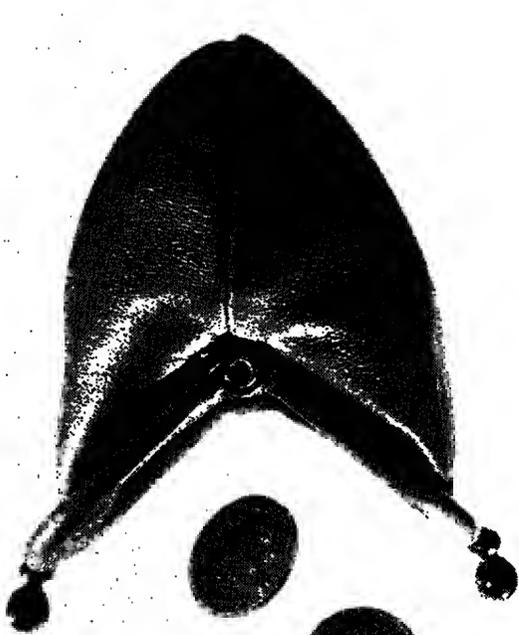
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Technology Needs Aid Siemens's Net

By Brandon Mitchener

FRANKFURT — Strong demand for power plants and applied transportation and automotive technology boosted group profit at Siemens AG in the year ended Sept. 30, despite continuing losses from semiconductors and computers, the company said Wednesday.

Dunhill Feels Pinch From Japan Slump

LONDON — Lower consumer spending in Japan and a drop in interest income caused the luxury-goods retailer Dunhill Holdings PLC to post a 2 percent drop in first-half pretax profit, to £30.1 million (\$45.6 million), the company said Wednesday.

50 Busy Days to Single Market

BRUSSELS — The European Community is just 50 days away from its Jan. 1 deadline for creating a huge single market in which goods, people, services and capital can move freely.

Investor's Europe

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LAMONT: Chancellor's Task Is to Boost Confidence

(Continued from first finance page) pound earlier in the week, have been quashed by the government. "They wouldn't want to risk a currency free-fall by cutting rates that much," said Kevin Gardner, an economist at Warburg Securities.

New Houston-Based Airline

DALLAS — Two wealthy entrepreneurs, Barney F. Kogen and Gordon A. Cain, will start a small Houston-based airline next year in an attempt to lure business travelers from Continental Airlines, sources say.

Gardini Seeks New Capital to Fund Purchases in Italy

MILAN — Raul Gardini, the Italian financier, is considering bringing outside investors into his private holding company to finance the purchase of Italian food companies, including SIME Meridionale, a spokesman for Mr. Gardini said Wednesday.

INVESTOR: Bonderman's Hope

(Continued from first finance page) lawyer who could shed opposing arguments. He is also known as a frequent — and adventurous — traveler and a rock-and-roll party host at his second home in Washington.

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